DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 6/12

SIGINT COMMITTEE * (Effective 31 May 1962)

1. Pursuant to the objectives and provisions of NSCID No. 1 and NSCID No. 6 there is established the SIGINT Committee as a standing committee of the United States Intelligence Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) to advise, assist and generally to act for the Board in matters involving SIGINT in accordance with policies approved by the Board.

Functions and Responsibilities

- 2. The responsibility of the SIGINT Committee extends to those SIGINT matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. The Committee shall undertake the implementation of decisions and make recommendations to Members of the Intelligence Community represented on the Board or to other appropriate U.S. officials. Any action or recommendation involving the establishment of policy shall be referred promptly to the Board.
 - 3. The SIGINT Committee shall:

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^{*}This Directive supersedes DCID Nos. 6/1 and 6/2 in the New Series, both of which were effective 21 October 1958.

[•] DEFINITION OF SIGINT: The generic term used to apply to both COMINT and ELINT as those terms are defined in Paragraph 3 of NSCIO No. 6, including the specified limitations of those definitions.

Organization and Procedures

- 4. The SIGINT Committee shall be composed of a representative from each Board Member department or agency, to be designated by the Board Member of that department or agency.
- 5. The Chairman of the SIGINT Committee shall be designated by the DCI in consultation with the Board.
- 6. An Executive Secretary and necessary secretarial services shall be provided from the Secretariat of the Board.
 - 7. The SIGINT Committee shall meet upon the call of the Chairman.
- 8. Items may be placed on the Agenda of the SIGINT Committee by the Board, by any Member of the SIGINT Committee, or by the Board Secretariat.
- 9. The SIGINT Committee shall reach its decisions by agreement. When the Chairman determines that a given position on a matter under consideration represents the consensus of the Committee, it shall be considered as agreed unless a Member requests that the issue be referred to the Board. Upon such a request the Chairman shall refer the matter to the Board, together with a statement of the views and recommendations of the Committee Members.
- 10. The Chairman of the SIGINT Committee will assure that the Board is informed promptly of the Committee's decisions, recommendations and actions.
- 11. The SIGINT Committee shall establish such standing or ad hoc subcommittees as it deems necessary.

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